

She, thus, does not represent the vengeful super-ego of the most primitive mental levels (which in ordinary times may lie quiescent); but rather a controlling " ideal " ego, helpful not only by virtue of her control, but also of her power to aid real satisfactions.

And it is her proved mildness, reliability and love which enable the children to pass from the defiant, obstinate phase of growth to this of friendly trust and free co-operation.

What the meaning of " being good " and " making good " is for the children themselves will be seen more clearly after study of later parts of the material.

b. Friendliness to other children

To look now at the different forms and occasions of friendliness shown to playmates :

One of the commonest and naivest grounds for feeling friendly to other children (or for that matter to adults) is gratitude for gifts received. " Dan was going to tea with Theobald, and sat beside him whenever possible, saying he liked him better than he liked Frank. Theobald had told him he was going to give him a steam-roller, and Dan said several times during the morning, ' Oh, *thank* you, Theobald/ and told Miss B. and Mrs. I. about it."

Here we have a universal motive, one that everyone understands. Nevertheless, it is a motive not seldom disparaged by adults even in young children. It is frowned upon as unworthy, "mere cupboard love". But such an attitude is hardly possible once we have a glimpse of the real meaning of gifts to the very young child. It is true that to love others simply for what they give is an entirely egoistic motive, involving no disinterested concern with the giver as a person or as an end in himself. But it is not true that this frank and open-hearted affection of little children

for those who make gifts or perform services is
simple greed
in the adult sense. They do not so much love
for the gift,
as feel that the gift *is* love. They love for the
giving, even
more than for the gift. Both giving and gift
are to them
love itself:

The making and receiving of gifts remains
the clearest,
most unequivocal *sign* of love even in the
conscious values
of older children, and of very many adults. But
to under-
stand the full meaning of gifts to younger
children, we have